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The Honorable Rep. Briscoe Cain, Chair
The Honorable Rep. Terry Canales, Vice Chair and
Members of the Texas House Select Committee on Driver's License
Issuance & Renewal

RE: Interim Charge #4

Dear Chairmen and Members,

Thank you for your service. We appreciate all you do for Texas.

Pursuant to the request for information on the Interim Charges 1-4 dated September 14th, 2020, the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association of Texas would like to provide the following feedback.

Interim Charge #4: Relating to monitoring the implementation of Senate Bill 616. TACA agrees with the findings from the study performed by the UT Center for Transportation Research recommending a new, stand-alone agency be formed to provide Driver's License functions for Texas' citizens. We believe this avenue will allow the greatest opportunity to achieve success for this vitally important service, and will allow the existing agencies (DPS and DMV) a better opportunity to continue to focus on their important core functions – also vital to the people of Texas.

Given the budgetary outlook for the 87th Legislature, TACA realizes that a new, stand-alone agency is unlikely during the upcoming session. If that is the case, TACA would prefer to see DPS continue with DL functions until such time that a dedicated agency could be created.

Thank you for your work on the Driver's License Interim charges. If you have any other questions, please feel free to reach out to our Association.

Sincerely,

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